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## Education, Sport and Culture

### Childcare Registration

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Attention: ALL Parents &/or Guardians

The following information has been provided by the Health Protection Department, Health and Social Services:

This letter has been produced to provide parents and guardians with information on the issue of infectious disease control in relation to childcare provided in the home of a Family Child Carer.

Your Family Child Carer is registered under the terms of the Day Care of Children (Jersey) Law 2002. One of the requirements for registration is that they comply with the policy produced by the Health Protection Department in relation to infection control and in particular, the exclusion of children who have symptoms of an infectious disease.

Children need to be excluded for the required period to avoid the rapid spread of an infectious disease in a high risk environment. Children under 5 are regarded as high risk due to their lower immunity (compared with adults) and their inability to maintain high standards of personal hygiene unsupervised. A leaflet detailing exclusion periods will be provided to you by your Family Child Carer, in conjunction with this letter. Alternatively it can be obtained from the Health Protection Department.

I would draw attention to the exclusion period of 48 hours after the last symptom for cases of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. It is important that these exclusion periods are observed to avoid spreading infectious diseases to other children and adults who come into contact with your child, and thereby helping to reduce the spread amongst the wider community.

Should your Family Child Carer or a member of her family become ill with an infectious disease, they will be unable to continue to provide childcare services until the exclusion period has passed.

Further information is available from the States of Jersey, Health Protection Department.

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